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John Kelly to James Duane

New York 18th June 1787

Sir

Having lately received a letter from some of the inhabitants of Cumberland County, as petitioned the Legislature of this State last session for a compensation for the losses which they sustained during the late war, by the Vermonters, in consequence of their attachment to this State, desiring information on that head and as they appointed you their agent by my desire, permit me to request your opinion on that subject, and whether you think it advisable for them to proceed on the business next session. Mr. Mc. Kesson thinks the busines may be managed in the Lower House, with success if properly attended to early in the next session.

These people can adduce indubitable proofs, of their uniform loyality and attachment to the interest of this State, in support of whose cause they not only risqued their lives and fortunes, but expended considerable sums of money; in consideration of which, the Legislature pledged the faith of Govt for their indemnification.

As an opportunity offers for that country, tomorrow I beg you will favour me with an answer by the Bearer.

I have the honour to be with perfect respect

Sir

Your most

Obedient and most

humble Servant

John Kelly.

Hon. James Duane Esq.

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